

Executive Committee Meeting Notes 1/14/14

In attendance: Kristen Tracy, Lachelle Smith, Bill Langer, Henry Henscheid, Clint Blackwood, Mike Jensen, Renee Cox, April Durrant, Lynn Muehlfeit (last 20 minutes)

- Reviewed Executive Committee Meeting minutes 10/15/13 – unanimously approved with no changes Mike nominated, Clint seconded
- Review Commission Meeting Agenda: unanimously approved
- Renee updates:
 - Admin grant: Serve Idaho received \$80,000 to date and expects to get the remaining amount when the appropriations are completed, which we anticipate will happen in March
 - PDAT/Disabilities: There is a little bit of funds left which we have to spend by the end of 2014. PDAT money can be spent on program trainings – probably the grantee meeting in September and the Pacific Cluster meeting if they hold that again. We will also run the movie adds again with Disability funds and look for other ways to spend that money down. Bill suggested using the money to give scholarships for those with disabilities to attend the conference. Henry suggested getting the PSA in close caption and with the sign language guy in the corner and promotional materials in large print. Renee will follow up on both points. Renee will hand out the full budgets at the Commission Meeting tomorrow.
- Peer Review Recommendations (Renee in place of Tina)
 - Serve Idaho received 7 AmeriCorps applications. The Peer Review Committee recommends 6 to send forward. They recommended not to fund PECL and replace with the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare Kinship project, which is a new application. Lewis Clark Service Corps will be sent competitive – if they are not funded we do not have money to fund them. Peer Review comments were sent to sub-grantees and rewrites are due Thursday this week. Kristen commented that she runs a program called Foster Grandparent program and fields calls from the public with regularity of Grandparents who are raising grandkids who are looking for resources. So she is thrilled to see AmeriCorps moving into this area. Renee pointed out that this diversifies our AmeriCorps portfolio.
- Executive structure
 - Because we don't have a past chair and the vice chair is a standing committee chair we have added Lynn to the executive committee sitting as the past commission chair. This will increase voting executive committee membership from 4 to 5.
- Conference updates
 - Lachelle and Bill updated the group on the conference
 - Mike suggested contacting Dave Wagers at Idaho Candy for raffle prizes
 - Kristen suggested offering social worker credits or other professional organizations CEUs might be a draw
 - Mike suggests having room hosts attached to the room, instead of speakers

- We put out a call for a photographer and the group suggested a college high school student (maybe from Bishop Kelly) or someone looking for pro bono experience
 - Rename passport program to BINGO for clarity
- Other items
 - Welcome new commissioner: Emily Baker from Boise
 - Kristen welcomed input to improve our process to share information between commissioners and staff. Henry suggested having the marketing committee take a larger role in this task.
 - Discussed the commission giving an update to the Governor. Talking points might be highlighting the education award amount spent in Idaho and gaining support for a governor/mayor's initiative.
 - Renee gave a brief update about the new director – we likes him and he likes us!

Meeting adjourned!